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William J. Smith is a corporate lawyer and business lawyer with Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in Toronto. Bill was called to the bar in 1980 after receiving a Bachelor Of Arts degree from Glendon College, and his LL.B. from the University of Toronto Law School. Bill has practiced as a corporate and commercial lawyer with the firm since then, and heads our corporate and commercial practice.

Bill's experience is varied and extensive. He has had a broad exposure to virtually every aspect of corporate and commercial practice including incorporations, partnerships, joint venture agreements, shareholders' and creditors' rights and remedies, as well as business mergers, acquisitions, financing and debt restructuring. Bill's skills include structuring, negotiating, and the preparation of required documentation, as well as liaising among directors, shareholders, financial advisors and institutions.

As an experienced corporate and commercial practitioner, Bill is often involved in litigation matters on behalf of his clients. His depth of experience enables him to combine expert legal advice with sensitivity to the firm's clients' business needs and environment and to meet client's specific needs in the most expeditious and cost efficient manner.

Bill works closely with other professional advisors including accountants and tax and financial advisors in assisting his clients to minimize their tax exposure and is familiar with vehicles such as tax free rollovers, co-tenancies, trusts and estate freezes. Bill takes an active role in co-ordinating all aspects of his clients' legal service needs by ensuring that, when necessary, appropriate specialized expertise is obtained, either from within the firm or through an established referral network, in areas such as securities law, international, commodity or other taxes, or international business transactions.

Bill is a corporate and communication lawyer, trained mediator and a member of the ADR Institute of Ontario.

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